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Memorandum

To: Co-Chairs Clyde Burmaster & Barry Weinstein, MD

From: Government Affairs Subcommittee Chair Peter McMahon

Re: August & September 2004 meetings

Date: October 1, 2004

The Erie-Niagara Regional Partnership's Government Affairs Subcommittee met August 9 and September 24, 2004 at the UB Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth. Present for the August meeting were subcommittee members Doolittle, Ellis, Weinstein, and Sheffer, as well as ENRP Co-Chair Clyde Burmaster, ENRP members Samuel Ferraro and Charles Webb, Buffalo Niagara Enterprise Chairman Jerry Murphy, and Paul Belanger of the UB Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth. Present for the September meeting were subcommittee members McMahon, Allen, Doolittle, Wanamaker, Weinstein, and Sheffer, as well as ENRP Member Ferraro, Amy Schmidt of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, Buffalo Niagara Enterprise Chairman Jerry Murphy, and Paul Belanger of the UB Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth.

Regional Economic Development Outreach:

Approval was granted at the May 21 general meeting to organize an educational forum in conjunction with the Buffalo Niagara Enterprise on the BNE's role in economic development, the Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS), the county IDAs, and ENRP, the Regional Economic Development Database and Site Finder; all presented in the context of the economic development process for the region.

Attached is the first draft of that presentation. It should be noted that several changes are already being made to this draft based on our September subcommittee meeting, but its inclusion is meant for member review and feedback – especially in filling in the blank "Results" (progress) and "Next Steps" (municipal role) slides. Also, the slide entitled "What we do." will receive significant revision.

The presentation will be slightly altered to reflect each county, as separate presentations will be made in Niagara and Erie. The audience will primarily consist of municipal officials. The target dates are early December 2004 or January 2005.

In conjunction with the presentation, a handout will be developed that includes all the pertinent contact information and specific opportunities for municipal involvement in the regional economic development process. We will also offer multiple options for feedback, and will look to tape the events for broadcast.

Other Topics:

No other topics were addressed.